(iii) Sub-section (2) of section 30 and section 67 of the Registration Act, 1908 are proposed to be omitted;

(iv) A new section 32A is proposed to be inserted in the Registration Act, 1908 to make affixing of the photographs and finger-prints on the documents compulsory at the time of registration;

(v) It is proposed to amend Schedule I to the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 to impose stamp duty on conveyance in nature of part-performance; and

(vi) Lastly, the Bill also proposes to provide for a saving provision in order to save documents executed in the nature of part-performance of a contract for the purpose of section 53A of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 made before the commencement of the proposed legislation.

(c) and (d) It is too early to estimate as to the extent of effect of the proposed Amendment Bill on the cost of land and property and on checking of illegal transactions in properties.

Newsitem "DDA allowing illegal constructions in city"

2530. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "DDA allowing illegal constructions in city" which appeared in the "Hindustan Times", dated 24th February, 2001;

(b) if so, whether a large number of unauthorised constructions which have come up in various parts of the city are due to active connivance of the DDA staff;

(c) whether the nexus between DDA staff and unauthorised builders would be probed through CBI; and

(d) if so, other steps Government propose to take to remove all such unauthorised constructions in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. DDA is responsible only for those areas which are development areas of DDA.

(c) DDA has reported that no case of nexus between DDA staff and unauthorised builders has come to its notice. However, the Government have referred some cases to the CBI to investigate into unauthorised constructions in violations of planning and building norms in a number of posh colonies in Delhi.

(d) The Government has been impressing upon all local agencies/DDA, from time to time, to take effective action against the unauthorised constructions in the areas falling under their jurisdiction.

Vigilance Inquiry against the Land Acquired for DDA Officer's Club

2531. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered a Vigilance inquiry into the major irregularities committed by DDA authorities to grab a prime piece of land for their officer's club near Siri Fort area in South Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the officers of DDA are now trying to remove the original documents for fear of arrest;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to tighten their machinery on DDA officers who have grossly manipulated and violated all rules to grab such prime land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The Vigilance Unit of the Ministry has been asked to inquire into the matter. The further course of action depends on the outcome of this inquiry.